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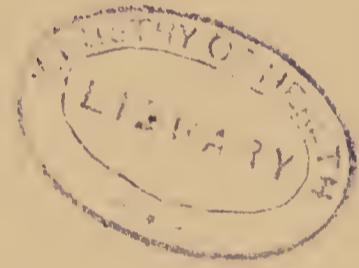
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To the Chairman and Members of the Matlock Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health on the sanitary circumstances and vital statistics affecting the Urban District of Matlock for the year 1955.

A review of the incidence of infectious diseases shows that measles again heads the list and that more than half the cases occurred in the five year old age group. All cases were mild, but one hopes someday that preventive measures may eliminate the disease entirely. Vaccination against smallpox should take place from four to six months old and should be followed by immunisation against diphtheria one month later.

The spread of any infection is encouraged by overcrowding and insufficient ventilation, which applies particularly in the case of tuberculosis. Apart from early detection, and in this respect Mass Radiography can play a decisive part, to avoid overcrowding and poor ventilation good housing is required. A comprehensive survey has this year been made of the existing housing facilities, more particularly in regard to slum clearance. Subject to present economic stringencies an attempt is being made to fulfil the requirements of the district.

Of equal or even more importance is a supply of good wholesome food in adequate quantities. There is a large measure of agreement that food poisoning is largely preventable if food is handled hygienically, hence the publication of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 which emphasise not only the importance of cleanliness of the food premises but of the persons engaged in the handling of food, and in the construction of premises with proper facilities. Resistance to infection is greatly assisted by proper and adequate food even if the housing conditions leave something to be desired. As regards the urban district great strides have already been made in the provision of adequate housing accommodation, and no doubt these would have been greater had they not had to be held in check for reasons of economy.

The birth rate, which was higher over the years immediately following the war has now become fairly steady, and although in 1955 much lower than in 1947 slightly exceeds the death rate. An analysis of the ages at death proves beyond question that most people living in the district can anticipate a ripe old age. Now old age, as all of us realise only too well, has its own particular problems. Life can be enjoyed to the full by many old people but they are not able to look after themselves satisfactorily, and even if they are their strength does not allow them, however willing, to keep their houses clean and tidy; they suffer infirmity rather than disease. The Welfare State is intended to make possible circumstances favourable for these old people, rather than to take away all family responsibility. There would appear to be on the part of many relatives, when faced with this problem, too keen a desire, one might say, indecent haste to push their old people into hospital, rather than make or keep on making some effort to keep them at home. The prospect, ever increasing, that most people will live to an even older age, behoves us to exercise that care and affection towards our old folk, that we ourselves would like to be privileged to enjoy when we get old.

I wish to thank the members of the Health Committee, and also other members of the Council for their help, and thank also Officials for their ready cooperation during the past year.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G.L. Meachim,

Medical Officer of Health.

Town Hall,
Matlock.

CASES OF NOTIFYABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1955

MATLOCK DISTRICT.

FORM NO.1

MATLOCK District

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cases notified during 1955.

		Number of Cases	
		Notified	Removed to Hospital
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary		5	3
Tuberculosis - Other forms		2	2
Smallpox:-			
No. vaccinated and re-vaccinated	Nil		
No. vaccinated in infancy	Nil		
No. unvaccinated	Nil		
Scarlet Fever		4	2
Diphtheria		Nil	-
Enteric Fever:-			
Typhoid		Nil	-
Para-typhoid		Nil	-
Puerperal Pyrexia		Nil	-
Cerebro-spinal fever		Nil	-
Erysipelas		1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Nil	-
Acute Encephalitis			
(a) Infective		Nil	-
(b) Post-infective		Nil	-
Acute Polio-Myelitis			
(a) Paralytic		-1	-1
(b) Non-paralytic		1	1
Pneumonia		3	2
Measles		387	1
Whooping Cough		1	1
Food Poisoning		2	2
Meningococcal Infection		2	2

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

1955

	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	31	21	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	131	145	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	162	166	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

	No. of cases in which defects were found	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found Referred died	To H.M. by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	8	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
(a) insufficient	3	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	-
(c) not separate for sexes	1	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-
TOTAL	13	-

OUTWORK	No. of out-workers	No. of cases of default	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices Served	Presec- utions
Nature of work in August of list reqd by Section 110(1) (c)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Registrar-General's Estimate of Population Mid 1955	18,400
Population Census 1921	15,716
Population Census 1931	16,596
Population Census 1951	17,770
Area in acres	16,598
Rateable Value at 31/3/55	£126,652
Product of Penny Rate 1954/55	£502

	Male.	Female.	Total.
<u>Live Births:-</u>			
Total	118	122	240
Legitimate	114	114	228
Illegitimate	4	8	12
<u>Still Births:-</u>			
Total	3	4	7
Legitimate	3	4	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Deaths all Ages:-</u>	111	111	222
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age:-</u>			
Total	4	1	5
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age:-</u>			
Total	1	-	1
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Birth Rate is 13.04 per 1,000 population

Death Rate is 12.06 per 1,000 population

Phthisis Death Rate .05 per 1,000 population

Other Tuberculosis Deaths - NIL

Respiratory Death Rate .92 per 1,000 population

Infantile Death Rate under 1 year 20.83 per 1,000 Births

Infantile Death Rate under four weeks 4.16 per 1,000 Births

Still Births .38

TABLE OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY FOR 8 YEARS.

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Birth Rate	18.45	16.50	15.99	14.73	12.66	15.45	13.41	13.04
Death Rate all causes	10.88	12.04	12.48	13.21	10.98	10.73	11.89	12.06
Deaths under 1 year - all causes per 1,000 live births.	20.96	46.66	30.40	25.73	21.46	21.05	32.25	20.83

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF NEW TUBERCULOSIS CASES
IN MATLOCK AREA.

TUBERCULOSIS Age Period	NEW CASES				MORTALITY			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	2	-	2	-	1	-	-

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Total
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	1	1
2. Tuberculosis, Other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	-	1
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	5	-	5
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	3	3
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	10	11	21
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	1	1
16. Diabetes	1	-	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	17	18	35
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	24	13	37
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	2	4
20. Other Heart Disease	19	26	45
21. Other Circulatory Disease	4	11	15
22. Influenza	1	-	1
23. Pneumonia	3	4	7
24. Bronchitis	7	1	8
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	2	2
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	4	-	4
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	2	1	3
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined diseases	6	10	16
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
34. All other accidents	-	2	2
35. Suicide	1	2	3
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
Total Deaths, all causes	111	111	222

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR
MATLOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1955

Chairman of the Council

Councillor O.R.Tinti, J.P., C.C.

Vice-Chairman

Alderman J.Turner, J.P., C.C.

Health Committee

Chairman: Councillor T.N.Johnson

Vice-Chairman: Councillor T.W.Spencer

Councillors: J.Allen

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E.C.P.Stevens

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S.Tomlinson

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:-

G.Leslie Meachim, M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector:-

C.Raymond Lill, C.R.San. I., M.S.I.A.

Housing Assistant:-

R.G.Childs

Clerk:-

A.S.Duncan

Statistical Summary

Rateable Value of General Rate at 31/3/55	£126,652
Estimated product of a Penny Rate 1955/56	£502
Area of District	16,598 acres
Population (Mid 1955 Census)	18,400
Number of inhabited houses	5,598
Council Houses at 1/4/55	692
Rainfall	23.32

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee,

Mr Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

It is once more a duty and pleasure to submit for your information my 11th Annual Report together with a brief account of the work carried out in the Health Department.

As reported last year nothing of great consequence has arisen from the Housing Repairs and Rent Act 1954 regarding applications for Certificates of Disrepair, only four having been applied for this year, two of these being revoked on the necessary repairs being carried out.

A preliminary survey of sub-standard property was made and the proposals submitted to the Ministry in August, this included 194 houses to be dealt with in the first five year programme, with a further 200 for enquiry and proposals in the second five year period. Progress on this statutory responsibility now placed upon local Authorities is of course dependent on the number of replacement houses to be built and further work on the making of orders for demolition and clearance will automatically be held up until this most important issue has been settled and houses are becoming available for persons vacating such sub-standard property. It is pleasing to note that the impact of Improvement Grants is now being felt in this district, some 30 houses having been improved during 1955.

I feel compelled to again reiterate my strong conviction that when piped water and new sewers are available under the various schemes now in hand that compulsory conversion to water closets should be adopted and so do away with the increasing difficulty of night soil collection. I would remind you that we have 624 earth closets and pail closets still operating in the district, of these it is estimated that some 114 will not be able, for one reason or another, to connect to existing or future sewers and that a programme of compulsory conversion of the remainder, some 510, spread over a decided number of years need not mean an unreasonable burden on the Rate Fund, in the meantime, however, increased financial encouragement by way of grant is to be highly recommended.

The new Food and Drugs Act 1955 together with The Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 have now been approved and come into force on 1st January 1956, so that next year, in that particular phase of public health, will be a busy one.

I have, in conclusion, to record my sincere thanks for the support I have received from the Chairman and members of the Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health, Officials of other Departments, to the staff of my Department, both clerical and manual, for the loyal support which makes the satisfactory running of a vital service to the public so much easier.

Town Hall,
Matlock.

May 1956.

I remain, Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
C.R. Lill,
Sanitary Inspector.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR - 1955

Inspections made & nuisance abated	Inspections	Defects Remedied
Miscellaneous	297	103
Defective privies, pails etc.	19	6
Conversion of privies to w.cs	1	-
Conversion of pails to w.cs	139	22
Conversion of privies to pails	-	-
Defective water closets	9	7
Additional water closets	6	3
Dust bins	97	63
No disconnection of waste pipes	2	1
Waste pipes, traps, drains	101	41
Drains obstructed	104	47
Drains reconstructed	31	12
Paving of courts and yards	28	12
Roof repairs	72	23
Rain water piping and eaves	32	13
Defective sinks	22	16
Windows	26	23
Walls	25	13
Dampness	79	23
Water Supply	5	2
Premises cleaned	5	1
Offensive accumulations	8	4
Pigsties	15	3
Fireplaces	43	12
Floors	27	13
Plaster	58	17
Doors	5	-
Food storage	3	-
Washing facilities	-	-
	1,259	480

Housing inspections	242
Factories, workshops & offices	166
Dairies, distributors, samples	65
Meat Inspection	652
Fish and Chips	17
Butchers	63
Cafes etc	39
Bakehouses	16
Licensed premises	94
Food shops	81
Ice Cream	83
Market stalls	61
Slaughterhouses	470
Swimming Pools	34
Tents, Vans, Moveable dwellings	64
Controlled Tip & Depot	247
Offensive Trades	8
	2,402

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2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

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	Found	Reme-	died	Inspector
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	8	8	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-
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TOTAL	13	13	-	-

<u>OUTWORK</u>	No. of out-workers	No. of cases of default	No. of Prosecutions	No. of instances of failure	No. of Served	Notices Presec- tions
Nature of work in August of 1955 by Section 110(1) (c) Council	17	-	-	-	-	-

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ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1955
SUBMITTED TO DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

	No. on Register	Increase or Decrease	Inspections Made
Bakehouses	9	-7	16
Canal Boats	-	-	-
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-
Dairies	5	-	15
Factories & Workplaces	162	-14	166
Houses let in Lodgings	-	-	-
Ice Cream Premises	111	+4	83
Market Stalls	-	-	61
Milk Distributors	12	-	34
Moveable Dwellings (a) Sites	9	-1	11
(b) Dwellings	115	+3	64
Offensive Trades	1	-	8
Outworkers	17	-4	10
Preserved Food Stores	19	-	21
Slaughterhouses	7	-	470
Knackers Yards	-	-	-
Swimming Baths	3	-	34
Shops	335	-	164

SAMPLING

	No. of Samples taken	Meth. Blue		Phosphatase Sat. Unsat.
		Sat.	Unsat.	
Ice Cream	30	30	-	
		Meth. Blue Sat. Unsat.	Phosphatase Sat. Unsat.	
Milk (a) Routine	15	13	1	6 -
		Positive		Negative
(b) Biological	10	-		8
		Sat.		Unsat.
Water (a) Mains	132	128		4
(b) Other sources	Nil			
(c) Swimming Baths	32	28		4

GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED).

WATER SUPPLIES

Est. Pop.
Involved.

No. of houses in district connected to mains	5231	16,740
No. of houses in district supplied from standpipes on mains	42	134
No. of houses in district not supplied from standpipes or mains	324	1,037
No. of connections made during year:-		
(a) existing houses	15	
(b) new houses	31	
(c) other premises	2	

DRAINAGE

No. of houses in district connected to sewers	5000	16,000
No. of houses in district not connected to sewers	524	1,677
No. of connections made during year:-		
(a) existing houses	61	
(b) new houses	31	
(c) other premises	18	
No. of conversions of other closets to w.cs		22

HOUSING

New houses erected during year by:-

(a) Local Authority	-
(b) Private Enterprise	25
(c) Other local authorities	-

No. of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....242

No. of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation185

No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ..5

No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority86

No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..3

No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders..2

No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted..2

No. of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made NIL

No. of Improvement Grants made during the year.....25

No. of dwelling-houses "improved" during year.....30

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

We had 2.28% of sickness and absence during 1955, a very satisfactory decrease of 2.76% on that for 1954.

Operational Statistics

No. of premises from which refuse collected	6,078
Dustbins emptied weekly	4,980
Total refuse collected (test weighings)	5,512 tons
Weight per 1000 population per day (365 days to year)	16.76 cwts
Density of refuse, Summer, cwt per cubic yard	4.59
Density of refuse, Winter, cwt per cubic yard	6.43
	Country
	Matlock
<u>Total Net Cost:-</u>	Average U.D.C.
Per 1000 population	£446
per 1000 premises	£1,350
per ton	29/9d
	26/-

We have again disposed of the districts' house and trade refuse by controlled tipping at the Dimple Farm site. It is pleasing to see at the end of the year that in the great majority of cases we have been able to maintain a regular collection of house refuse despite sickness and inclement weather and credit must go to your collecting staff for so efficiently carrying out these arduous and oftentimes unpleasant duties so well. As is usual all outside men have been provided with protective clothing, viz., overalls, gloves, rubber boots and donkey jackets and the drying room provided last year has proved a great boon for the drying and storing of mens clothing.

We have been working in the second five year section of the tip but have now transferred during suitable weather to the extension section down to Sheriff Lane, which will almost double the potential playing area of the first section when this is finally levelled for permanent development.

The income from salvage sorted from refuse at the tip during 1955 was £420 with a total income during the nine years life of the controlled tip of £2,742.

The voluntary bin supply scheme is still in operation but demand is very much less as will be seen from the schedule below.

	Paid	On Rates	Total
1950	63	72	135
1951	61	81	142
1952	55	57	112
1953	55	39	94
1954	45	25	70
1955	39	24	63
	318	298	616

SALVAGE.

As stated in my last Annual Report without extra paper drives or an incentive bonus we had about reached the limit for normal collection of waste paper but with the Bonus Scheme commencing on 2nd May 1955 tonnage has been considerably stepped up as illustrated by the following 10 years table.

TABLE OF SALVAGE INCOME

Tons Paper	Income Paper	Tons all Salvage	Income all Salvage
1946/47	83	529	550
1947/48	104	687	803
1948/49	166	1187	1318
1949/50	196	1354	1475
1950/51	203	1504	1555
1951/52	234	3828	3934
1952/53	202	1741	1875
1953/54	214	1545	1731
1954/55	210	1608	1789
1955/56	303	2718	2973
1915	£16,701	2,224	£18,003

The Bonus Scheme works as follows. A target figure of 17 tons of waste paper per month has first to be attained, after which payment of bonus comprising 50% of the income derived from the sale of waste paper over and above the target figure is then divided among the outside staff pro rata to the number of days each man has worked during that month. Bonus payments for the eight months of 1955 totalled £449 14s 11d.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD & MILK DISTRIBUTION.

Milk.

15 samples of milk have been taken for Methylene Blue Test one being unsatisfactory and one not done. 10 samples were submitted to Biological Test, 8 proved negative and two were not completed.

26 further milk samples were taken by the Food and Drugs Authority and proved satisfactory.

The following were registered with this Authority for the year ending December 1955:-

Distributor or Dairy Premises	12
Dealers - Tuberculin Tested	26
Dealers - Pasteurised	24

Number of inspections:- 65

Other Foods.

28 forms of Voluntary Surrender of Food Unfit for Human Consumption have been issued during 1955 as follows:-

Beef	19 lbs	Fruit	19 tins
Meat (Tinned)	32 lbs	Evap. Milk	10 tins
Ham	239 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs	Tomatoes	82 tins
Tongue	12 lbs	Tomatoe Soup	59 tins
Chicken (Tinned)	4 lbs	Fish	42 lbs
Crab Meat	1 tin	Sausages	36 lbs

218 visits have been made to food shops.

69 samples of other foods were taken by the Food and Drugs Authority, including 26 milk, in the area, all samples being classed as satisfactory.

One farmer supplying milk direct to a dairy company was charged with obstructing the sampling Officer from taking a sample in course of delivery to the dairy. The proceedings resulted in a fine of £5.

The Food and Drugs Authority results are supplied through the courtesy of the County Analyst, R.W.Sutton, Esq., B.Sc., F.R.I.C., F.C.S.

<u>Food Premises</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Visits</u>
Bakehouses	9	16
Butchers Shops	21	63
Catering Establishments	47	39
Wet Fish Shops	6	18
Ice-Cream Shops	111	83
General Food Shops	102	81
Licensed Premises	46	94
Market Stalls	6	61
Preserved Food	19	21
Fish & Chip Shops	8	17

OTHER FOODS, (CONTINUED).

Ice-Cream

Manufacturers of Ice-cream	1
Sale of Ice-cream	111
No. of visits to the above	83

30 samples of ice-cream were taken during the year for analysis under the Methylene Blue Test and were graded as follows:-

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
23	6	1	-

The above results are truly gratifying when we compare them with results a few years ago before the coming into operation of the Ice-cream Heat Treatment Regulations, when the usual grades were 3 & 4.

MARKET STALLS.

With the coming into force of the Food & Drugs Act 1955 and the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955, it is, as I have commented before, highly essential that the Council should first put their own house in order as an example to other owners of food premises in regard to sanitary and washing facilities for use by the food stall holders on your market ground. I have to agree that at this time of "squeeze" on capital investment the suggestion seems quite illogical, but regulations were made to be obeyed and these in particular have been long awaited and I feel that better facilities would be appreciated by all concerned and it would certainly help in my own efforts to bring other food premises up to the standards envisaged in the Regulations.

Bakehouses

16 inspections have been made at the 9 Bakehouses on the register, a reasonable standard has been maintained.

Fish and Chip Shops

17 inspections have been made at 8 shops. No formal notices for lack of cleanliness have been issued. All premises have been maintained in a reasonable manner.

LICENSED PREMISES.

Licensed Premises in District - 46 Inspections - 89

Licensed Clubs in District - 6 Inspections - 5

The good work of improving washing facilities and sanitary accommodation at these premises has again been well maintained, four further premises having been so improved and three further premises are at present having plans prepared for improvements. It is pleasing to see that in these improvements decent living conditions are being provided for the tenants.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The extension of water main along Via Gellia to Dunsley Mill has been completed and all houses on route have abandoned the private supply and connected a piped supply into each house.

The new water main has also been completed in the Upperwood district where some five houses are still required to connect, after which this doubtful private supply can also be abandoned.

TENTS, VANS & MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

We have sites for 115 vans and moveable dwellings situated on 9 sites as against 112 vans and moveable dwellings on 10 sites last year.

The moveable dwellings are all kept in a reasonable condition, the site at Darley Dale being exemplary and again a credit to the district.

HOUSING.

The provision of sufficient houses for the needs of the district is still quite a problem and the cessation of building houses has consequently stopped any proceedings under the Housing Acts with regard to demolition and clearance properties. The actual demolition of empty houses under these Acts seems to be becoming more and more difficult, rising costs making this work extremely expensive practically impossible for the very small property owner, with the consequence that these demolitions are very likely to fall on the local authority and the cost thereof to become a charge on the rate.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

(1) No. of portable dustbins emptied by Council	6174	(4) Water Closets	5023
(2) Premises visited for waste paper	179	(5) Cesspools	39
(3) Pail closets emptied by Council	367		

Ward	Converted since 1945	Total Earth & Pail Closets	Pails Collected by U.D.C.	PCs & ECs not Collected	Owners Occupiers
Tansley	42	71	43	28	12
Riber	-	27	17	10	10
Matlock	113	66	29	37	24
Matlock Bath	3	19	18	1	9
Cromford	49	68	49	19	32
Bonsall	121	163	124	39	48
North Darley	116	119	25	94	25
South Darley	12	91	62	29	32
	456	624	367	257	192

Conversions:-

Year	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	To
No	7	26.	17	24	12	71	74	108	45	50	22	4

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

1 property was cleared and disinfected during the year.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Although the first full year of de-rationing of meat has caused regular and extra work the results as shown on the schedule have again proved that careful buying by private butchers has once more resulted in improved meat for sale.

The drop from 12.06% to 4.13% of young cattle affected with tuberculosis is again pleasing and indicates continuity in the betterment of cattle health from this particular disease. No doubt the excellent work carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under the Tuberculosis (Attested Herds) Scheme 1950 and in furtherance of eradication areas under the Diseases of Animals Act 1950 is beginning to have real effect. At the end of 1954 the percentage of attested cattle had reached 51. It would seem from our post mortem findings in the slaughterhouses that there has been a considerable reduction in the incidence of bovine tuberculosis and that the Ministry are having success in their campaign against this disease.

No whole carcases have been condemned during the year, the majority of condemnations being of lungs, livers, and parts of liver from abscesses, Distomatosis, Necrosis, Cirrhosis, Melanosis and in the case of sheep Strongyli infestations.

Of the eight slaughterhouses originally agreed one has since closed for slaughtering and a further one of the eight has now been completed up to a decent standard so that we now have seven slaughterhouses working and providing ample facilities for slaughtering in this district.

MEAT INSPECTION 1955.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	360	190	23	804	801	-
Number inspected	360	190	23	804	801	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis and</u> <u>Cysticerci:-</u>						
(a) Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	1	-	-
(b) Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	52	72	-	172	16	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	14.44	37.89	-	21.39	2.00	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned (including whole carcases, if any)	15	61	-	-	43	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.13	32.10	-	-	5.37	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>All Cattle Killed:-</u>						
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	13.81	-	-	-	-	-

The maintaining of cleanliness to same has been up to a good standard and although these premises in all respects do not conform to the standards envisaged in the Report of the Interdepartmental Committee they are for the time being providing the necessary means for slaughtering here, and I feel it is to the credit of the owners concerned that we have not received one complaint as to any nuisance being caused by the restoring to use of these premises within near proximity to residential property.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949.

The following is the Annual Report on Rodent Control for 12 months ended 31st March 1956 submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural		All other		Total
	Local Authy	Dwelling Houses	(including Business Premises)	of Cols 1, 2, 3.	Agri-cultural
I. No. of properties in Local Authority's District	39	5598	826	6,463	137
II. No. of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	1	15	11	27	
*(b) Survey under the Act	46	603	107	756	137
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	-	-	-	-
III. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	247	1510	803	2560	168
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by:					
(a) Rats { Major	-	-	-	-	-
{ Minor	9	37	26	72	7
(b) Mice { Major	-	-	2	2	-
{ Minor	4	11	23	38	-
V. Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the L.A.	13	48	51	112	7
VI. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	61	64	69	194	7
VII. Number of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act:					
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work	-	-	-	-	-
VIII. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sec. 4 of Act	-	-	-	-	-
IX. Legal proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
X. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	28	31	7	66	-

